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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MEYERS ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/059,853

Group Art Unit: 1648

Filed: April 14, 1998

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For: HOG CHOLERA VIRUS VACCINE AND DIAGNOSTIC

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 15, 1998

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The documents are not provided with this paper, because they can be obtained from either of the parent applications, now Serial Nos. 08/873,759 and 08/876,991. If copies are needed for the Examiner to effect consideration of this statement, she may request them by telephoning the undersigned.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the last of (1) issuance of a first official action on the merits and (2) expiration of the three month period following

filling of the above-captioned application.

Applicants have the following comments concerning some of the cited references.

The cited documents AR - AY were filed by an opponent against the granted European cognate in an Opposition filed March 4, 1997, a copy of which is also of record in the above-mentioned present applications.

The subject matter of the documents is as follows.

Reference AS (referred to as B1 in the Opposition) was cited in the parent applications.

References AT and AU (referred to as B2 and B3 in the Opposition) are two documents disclosing the molecular cloning, nucleotide and amino acid sequences, and the organization of the genome of a virus related to HCV, i.e. the bovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV).

Reference AV (referred to as B4 in the Opposition) concerns an oral presentation, the sheets and accompanying Declarations which concern the information presented in December 1988. Applicants submit that this disclosure does not provide an enabling disclosure of any HCV nucleotide or amino acid sequence.

Reference AX (referred to as B5 in the Opposition) is a thesis that was publicly available on March 14, 1989.

Reference AR (referred to as B6 in the Opposition) is a review article that provides no technical information concerning the claimed HCV gene, and was cited in the parent applications.

Reference AY (referred to as B7 in the Opposition) discloses the use of a crude extract of HCV infected cells as an immunogenic

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composition. No technical information is disclosed at all with respect to the claimed DNA sequence.

References AP and AZ were cited by Applicants during the oral proceedings of an Opposition filed against the European equivalent of the grandparent of this application, which is directed to nucleic acids of the 55 kD protein of HCV.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be considered and made of record in this application.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this Statement to our Deposit Account No. 02-2334.

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